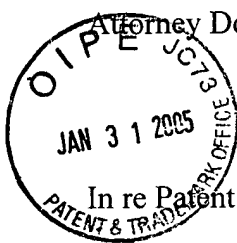


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In re Patent Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2176
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Application No.: 09/756,642)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A)
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**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the period for response to the Final Office Action dated August 30, 2004 for two months so that the period for response is extended to January 31, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$450.00, which includes the extension fee.

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